

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday, February 23, 2007, 8:30 am  
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building  
8407 Wall Street, Room S-402  
Austin, Texas 78754  
(512) 834-6628

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members Present:**

Rosario Brusniak, Chair  
Patricia Brannon  
Sonya Salinas  
Minnette Son

**DSHS Staff Present:**

Joyce Parsons  
David Richards  
Stephen Mills  
Stewart Myrick

**Guests:**

Mark Doshier  
Sheacy Thompson  
Larry Higdon

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 1:36 pm by Ms. Brusniak, Chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was public comment. Mark Doshier gave a presentation regarding initial and continuing education in the subject of implantable hearing solutions.

**Agenda Item 8** was the discussion and possible action regarding petition for amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, §741.61(b)(1)(C), §741.81(b)(1)(B), and §741.162(c), relating to initial and continuing education in the area of implantable hearing solutions. No action was taken. Mr. Mills gave a brief overview of the petition. Dr. Son made a motion to not make a recommendation and to allow the rules committee and the full board to review the petition. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5** was the discussion and possible action concerning the board's presentation at the next Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention (TSHA). Ms. Brusniak reviewed the details of the board's presentation and member assignments.

**Agenda Item 4** was the discussion and possible action concerning review and approval of the committee report of the meeting held on October 26, 2006. Ms. Brannon made a motion to accept the report as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3** was the committee chair report concerning committee priorities. Ms. Brusniak discussed with the committee the subject of updating the position statements and the frequently asked questions on the website.

**Agenda Item 10** was the discussion and possible action regarding frequently asked questions for the board website. This was covered in agenda item 3.

**Agenda Item 9** was the discussion and possible action concerning professional and practice issues that may affect the provision of speech-language and pathology services. This was covered in agenda item 3.

**Agenda Item 6** was the discussion and possible action concerning supervision exception for assistant and/or interns. Ms. Brusniak commented on the process. Ms. Brusniak also discussed the prospect of training another board member to take over that process. Ms. Brusniak made a motion to remove the current position statements regarding supervising interns and assistants from the website, to replace it in mailings to supervisors with a copy of the section of the board rules regarding supervision, and to have the committee review the position statements to ensure that they accurately reflect board rules. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7** was the discussion and possible action concerning tracking supervision information. Ms. Brusniak commented on the work Ms. Parsons is doing regarding the use of the database.

**Agenda Item 11** was the discussion and possible action concerning clarification and monitoring of supervision of SLP-Assistants, SLP-Interns; supervision audits, and forms. Ms. Brusniak commented on the possibility of auditing supervisors.

**Agenda Item 12** was the discussion and possible action regarding exemption requests relating to supervisor qualifications and the number of persons to be supervised. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 13** was items for future consideration. There were none.

**Agenda Item 14** was announcements and comments not requiring committee action. There were none. Ms. Brannon expressed her concern that the position statements regarding supervising interns and assistants be revised and distributed as soon as possible. Ms. Brusniak requested that this task be completed before March 19.

**Agenda Item 15** was the adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Brannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 am. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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Rosario Brusniak, Chair

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Date